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Senator Leland Calls For Congressional Hearing on the Evidence for War in Iraq

LANSING- State Senator Burton Leland (D-Detroit) announced today that he has introduced a Senate Resolution which will call upon Congress to hold public hearings on the Bush Administration's case for war with Iraq. Leland's resolution would ask Congress to "investigate fully the objectivity and credibility of the intelligence reports that led our nation to war in Iraq."

"Congress has a responsibility to the young servicemen and women still in harm's way to make sure that Iraq posed the imminent threat to national security that the Bush Administration claimed it did," Sen. Leland said. "As I watch more American casualties coming home every day, I can't help but wonder why our soldiers are fighting and dying in a country with no ties to 9/11 and apparently no weapons of mass destruction."

The Bush Administration built its case for war on alleged Iraqi stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons which posed such an imminent threat to U.S. national security that a preemptive invasion of the Muslim nation was necessary. Several members of the Bush Administration also helped build public support for the war by implying a connection between Iraq and the events of 9/11 and by suggesting Iraq had a reconstituted nuclear program. No evidence has been found to support any of these claims.

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